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SUBJ: VENICE BIENNALE MEETING OCTOBER 30

USIA FOR ICS MIKE SCHNEIDER AND IWE FOR J. ANTUNES;

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO TAYLOR SMITHSONIAN

1) OCTOBER 30 MEETING VENICE BIENNALE COMMISSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES 18 PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES PROCEEDED WITHOUT AGENDA IN ATMOSPHERE OF DISCONTENT, ADJORNED AFTER FIVE HOURS WITHOUT RESOLUTION OF KEY PROBLEMS; UTILIZATION AND FINANCING OF NATIONAL PAVILIONS; PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION PF PARTICIPATING ARTISTS.

2) DR. TAYLOR'S SIX POINTS RELAYED TO ROME CAO ARNDT PRESENTED TO MEETING BY US REPRESENTATIVE.

3) LARGE MAJORITY NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FAVORED CONTINUING DECISIVE ROLE IN SELECTION WORKS TO BE EXHIBITED THEIR PAVILIONS ESPECIALLY GIVEN BIENNALE INSISTANCE ON FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPRIETORS FOR ADAPTING PAVILIONS TO ATELIER FORMAT PROPOSED BY NEW BIENNALE COMMISSION.

4) NO DECISION TAKEN ON 1975 PROGRAM VIGOROUS DISSENT FROM SPAIN AND GERMANY AGAINST RETROSPECTIVE PROPOSED BY COMMISSION.

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GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT LONGER LEAD TIME NECESSARY THAN NOW FOR

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT IN 1975.

5) BIENNALE COMMISSION GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE PARALYZED BY NATIONAL AND LOCAL POLITICAL MACHINATIONS AS WELL AS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, UNABLE MEET DEMANDS OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR PRECISE COST PROPOSALS FOR SUBMISSION TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

6) COMMISSION PLANS ANOTHER MEETING SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.

7) COMPLETE MINUTES WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS RECEIVED. SOME DELAY ANTICIPATED AS MINUTES JULY MEETING RECEIVED OCTOBER. AMERSON

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